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Sourceline

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Sourceline for Jerusalem, Israel Arabic Broadcasts

REF : Teletypes NA 806 and KY 057, same subject

1. Enclosed are copies of excerpts [redacted] which bear upon whether or not the Israeli Arabic broadcasts are primarily intended for domestic or foreign consumption. The ones included here, although somewhat dated, are the most convincing; however, there are others which also add to our belief that these casts are intended primarily for the Arab World. It appears to us that the domestic-type programs may be for the internal Arab audience as an incidental convenience, but may also serve as a cloak to remove the appearance of an external effort.

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2. The power of the transmitters used in this service is nearly double that used in the Hebrew service: three transmitters in the Arab service with a total power of 320 kilowatts, as against nine in the Hebrew with a total of 167 kilowatts. The Arabic population of Israel is less than one-tenth that of the Hebrew population, yet the most powerful transmitter in Israel is applied to Arab service along with a short-wave transmitter unnecessary for domestic coverage.

3. After weighing these factors along with those available at the Mediterranean Bureau, your comments upon whether or not the sourceline should be changed will be appreciated.

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